

EXHIBIT 9

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V. Chevron U.S.A. Inc., et al.,

Case No. 04 Civ. 4973

DEPOSITION OF DONALD DOYLE

April 4, 2011 at 2:00 (2:34) p.m.

Before: MICHELLE ELYSE BANDY

CSR #13590

Taken at:

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| <p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. All right. Sometimes counsel may have</p> <p>3 objections. So same rules apply. They have to put on</p> <p>4 that on the record for future discussion with the</p> <p>5 judge. You can still answer the question but give</p> <p>6 them a second to get that on the record so we're not</p> <p>7 all stepping on each other's words? Okay?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. Sometimes I'm fuzzy. I may not ask a question</p> <p>10 clearly. Tell me if you have a problem understanding</p> <p>11 what I am getting at, and I'll try to rephrase. Okay?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Sometimes we'll be talking about things that</p> <p>14 happened a while ago. And so we might talk about a</p> <p>15 date or a volume and you might not remember a specific</p> <p>16 date or specific amount, but you can probably ball</p> <p>17 park.</p> <p>18 For example, a year or a decade that kind of</p> <p>19 thing. So to the extent you remember something give</p> <p>20 us your best recollection, but understand no body</p> <p>21 wants you to guess. Okay?</p> <p>22 A. Correct.</p> <p>23 Q. At the end of the process you do get a written</p> <p>24 copy that you can revisit our lovely time together and</p> <p>25 enjoy the memories. At that point in time you will be</p> | <p>1 what you received.</p> <p>2 (Exhibit 1 marked and attached.)</p> <p>3 A. Yes. This is the same.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. And attached to that -- let's see, was</p> <p>5 there a request for documents? I can't remember if</p> <p>6 there was or not.</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Did you have any documents in your possession?</p> <p>9 A. No, I do not.</p> <p>10 Q. All right. Just generally, can you tell us how</p> <p>11 far did you go in school?</p> <p>12 A. Associate degree.</p> <p>13 Q. What was your area of emphasis?</p> <p>14 A. Business.</p> <p>15 Q. Any courses in chemistry?</p> <p>16 A. High school.</p> <p>17 Q. And what about any additional training in</p> <p>18 hydrogeology?</p> <p>19 A. No.</p> <p>20 Q. Toxicology?</p> <p>21 A. No.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. Any professional licences?</p> <p>23 A. Real estate.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay. And then let's talk about this station,</p> <p>25 the Arco station we began talking about. 4594 East</p> |
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| <p>1 able to make changes to your testimony if you remember</p> <p>2 something, if something is incorrectly transcribed</p> <p>3 then you can make those types of changes.</p> <p>4 I do caution every witness that depending on the</p> <p>5 kinds of changes you make, I or other counsel can</p> <p>6 comment on your credibility.</p> <p>7 For example, if all of your no answers become</p> <p>8 yes answers, somebody might point out that that was a</p> <p>9 little fishy.</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Because I have to ask, are you under the</p> <p>12 influence of any drugs or alcohol or medication that</p> <p>13 would impair your memory or ability to testify?</p> <p>14 A. No.</p> <p>15 Q. Excellent. We do take breaks, tell me if you</p> <p>16 need to stretch your legs or get up, and we can go off</p> <p>17 the record. Okay?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Any questions about the process?</p> <p>20 A. No.</p> <p>21 Q. The first exhibit I have, I think is a copy of</p> <p>22 what you received and you can tell me if that's true.</p> <p>23 The notice is on top, but I think what is</p> <p>24 attached here is the subpoena.</p> <p>25 If you Can check to see if that is the same of</p> | <p>1 Tulare, what was your relationship to that station?</p> <p>2 A. We purchased it, my wife and I, from Martin</p> <p>3 Oil Company. It was probably purchased under the</p> <p>4 name -- either been my wife and myself or El Monte</p> <p>5 Gas Co., Inc.</p> <p>6 Q. Do you remember the year?</p> <p>7 A. No.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. Do you know who supplied the gas to that</p> <p>9 station?</p> <p>10 MS. KLEAVER: Calls for speculation.</p> <p>11 BY MS. AUSTIN</p> <p>12 Q. That's an example of an objection she's putting</p> <p>13 on the record. But you can still answer if you</p> <p>14 understand it. I know it's a little awkward.</p> <p>15 A. You know, it is. I know we wanted to brand</p> <p>16 Exxon because that was our brand of choice at the</p> <p>17 time. I don't know whether we did that or not. I</p> <p>18 don't remember that.</p> <p>19 Q. Did you work at the station?</p> <p>20 A. No.</p> <p>21 Q. Did you lease it out to someone else?</p> <p>22 A. Yes. We leased it out to Narinder Singh</p> <p>23 Dillon.</p> <p>24 THE REPORTER: What was that?</p> <p>25 THE WITNESS: Narinder Singh Dillon.</p> |

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| <p>1 THE REPORTER: Thank you.</p> <p>2 BY MS. AUSTIN:</p> <p>3 Q. All right. I think I have a map of the</p> <p>4 station. Let's see if it makes sense to you.</p> <p>5 This is Exhibit 2 and for the record</p> <p>6 RWQCB-FRESNO-017010. Does that look like the right</p> <p>7 site?</p> <p>8 (Exhibit 2 was attached and marked.)</p> <p>9 A. Yes, it does.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. So it's on the corner of Tulare and</p> <p>11 Maple?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Are the buildings in the same location that you</p> <p>14 recall?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. And underground storage tanks at the</p> <p>17 bottom are in same location where they were when you</p> <p>18 owned the station?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. Hang on to that one. We might come back to it.</p> <p>21 So Exhibit 3. This is an underground storage</p> <p>22 tank permit application, and I think this may predate</p> <p>23 your time. It's dated 1992, and at the bottom it's</p> <p>24 signed Sandy Huff. I believe is with Ultramar.</p> <p>25 Do you recall -- do you recall Sandy Huff? Did</p> | <p>1 actually an Inter-office Memorandum from Ultramar, but</p> <p>2 I think it has some names you'll recall it now.</p> <p>3 It mentions Narinder Dillon. This is the person</p> <p>4 you were leasing the station to; is that correct?</p> <p>5 (Exhibit 4 was marked and attached)</p> <p>6 A. That's correct.</p> <p>7 Q. And the date on this document is May 23rd, of</p> <p>8 1995. The Inter-office Memorandum notes a station</p> <p>9 closure. When you purchased the station was it</p> <p>10 operational?</p> <p>11 A. I don't remember. I don't know if they were</p> <p>12 removing tanks and changing tanks. I don't remember</p> <p>13 that, it may have been closed, but --</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. So let's see if Exhibit 5 helps us out</p> <p>15 here.</p> <p>16 (Exhibit 5 was marked and attached.)</p> <p>17 A. Do I keep all these?</p> <p>18 Q. Actually, Michelle is going to keep all of</p> <p>19 those. If you would like a copy, I do have extras.</p> <p>20 A. Okay.</p> <p>21 Q. Would you like a copy?</p> <p>22 A. Yeah. If you don't mind.</p> <p>23 Q. I don't mind. I'll start a pile over here.</p> <p>24 We'll create a pile.</p> <p>25 A. Yes, start your pile. Do I pass these over to</p> |
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| <p>1 you ever talk to her?</p> <p>2 (Exhibit 3 marked and attached)</p> <p>3 A. No. I did not talked to Sandy Huff.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. When you bought the station you said you</p> <p>5 bought it from Martin Oil; is that correct?</p> <p>6 A. That's correct.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay. So it was some time after 1992?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. When you bought the station, did you</p> <p>10 also buy the tanks?</p> <p>11 A. Yes. It would be all of the property.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. And then on this particular permit</p> <p>13 stating that the tank operator was Ultramar, did</p> <p>14 Ultramar continue to operate the tanks after you</p> <p>15 purchased the station?</p> <p>16 A. No.</p> <p>17 Q. Do you know someone named Michael, and the last</p> <p>18 name I think it's pronounced Grzeszak, and it's</p> <p>19 G-R-Z-E-S-Z-A-K.</p> <p>20 Is that name familiar to you?</p> <p>21 A. No, it's not.</p> <p>22 Q. Then I won't show you this document.</p> <p>23 A. Darn.</p> <p>24 Q. Really? Because I could give you a copy.</p> <p>25 All right. Looking at Exhibit 4 then. This is</p> | <p>1 her then?</p> <p>2 Q. Not yet.</p> <p>3 A. Okay.</p> <p>4 Q. She'll grab them at the end.</p> <p>5 Exhibit 5 is our next document here.</p> <p>6 A. Okay.</p> <p>7 Q. And this is an environmental health application</p> <p>8 that dates for the record FCDEH-FRESNO-021171. And</p> <p>9 this now lists Narinder Singh, and I think that's</p> <p>10 Kanta?</p> <p>11 (Exhibit 5 was marked and attached.)</p> <p>12 A. That's correct.</p> <p>13 Q. K-A-N-T-A.</p> <p>14 A. That's his wife.</p> <p>15 Q. That's his wife? So they operated the station</p> <p>16 together?</p> <p>17 A. Yes. They had somebody run it. They ran a</p> <p>18 different station, but they ran the operation, yes.</p> <p>19 They were responsible.</p> <p>20 Q. So just in terms of kind of who is responsible</p> <p>21 for what. You owned the actual property, correct?</p> <p>22 A. Correct.</p> <p>23 Q. And you owned the tanks?</p> <p>24 A. Correct.</p> <p>25 Q. Did they owned the business?</p> |

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| <p>1 A. They owned the business.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. And then did they lease it out to</p> <p>3 someone else?</p> <p>4 A. I think they probably had -- may have became a</p> <p>5 partner his name is Paul. I don't remember his last</p> <p>6 name, but Paul I think was operating the station.</p> <p>7 Q. Do you know if that was Paul Wonder Singh?</p> <p>8 A. Probably.</p> <p>9 Q. Do you know if he was related?</p> <p>10 A. You know, I don't think so. But I could be</p> <p>11 wrong. He may be a relative.</p> <p>12 Q. All right. Down below under the comments it</p> <p>13 states that the UGTs, and I'm meaning that to mean the</p> <p>14 underground tanks sold to El Monte Gas. And that was</p> <p>15 you, right?</p> <p>16 A. That's correct.</p> <p>17 Q. And the date on this one was May 30th of '95.</p> <p>18 Does that sound the like the right date when your</p> <p>19 purchased the station?</p> <p>20 A. I don't remember. I really don't know.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. Is it --</p> <p>22 A. But by this. It's probably is true.</p> <p>23 Q. I don't want to put words in your mouth. I'm</p> <p>24 hoping it refreshes your recollection about the</p> <p>25 timing.</p> | <p>1 the tanks?</p> <p>2 A. It would have been -- well, it would have been</p> <p>3 Narinder reporting to me, then I would be responding</p> <p>4 to what they told me.</p> <p>5 Q. Say you were in the loop?</p> <p>6 A. I was in the loop, yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Looking at the descriptions of the tanks on the</p> <p>8 following pages. It appears that there were four</p> <p>9 ten-thousand gallon tanks.</p> <p>10 Does that sound right to you?</p> <p>11 A. Looks correct.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. And do you know -- you don't know the</p> <p>13 date when these were installed; is that correct?</p> <p>14 A. No, I don't.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay. The next document I have is Exhibit 7.</p> <p>16 It is a permit to operate and this is again, for the</p> <p>17 same address, and it's listing the owner as El Monte</p> <p>18 again.</p> <p>19 Do you recall receiving permits to operate that</p> <p>20 looks like this document?</p> <p>21 (Exhibit 7 was attached and marked.)</p> <p>22 A. You know, I don't remember this document.</p> <p>23 But, yes, I'm sure we got this. I'm sure -- that</p> <p>24 looks correct.</p> <p>25 Q. The issue date on this is 1996, and the</p> |
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| <p>1 The next Exhibit I have is number 6. And this</p> <p>2 is an underground storage tank permit application</p> <p>3 again, different names though. This one identifies El</p> <p>4 Monte Gas as the tank owner.</p> <p>5 Is this familiar to you?</p> <p>6 (Exhibit 6 was marked and attached.)</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. The signature at the bottom, do you</p> <p>9 recognize that one?</p> <p>10 A. That's mine.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. Did you have any responsibility -- I see</p> <p>12 that you signed this particular permit application.</p> <p>13 Did you have additional responsibilities for</p> <p>14 communicating with the county regarding anything</p> <p>15 pertaining to the station?</p> <p>16 A. At this time I had to of in order -- whatever</p> <p>17 this is for, yes.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay.</p> <p>19 A. Permits for the tanks, yes.</p> <p>20 Q. Did you have any involvement in communicating</p> <p>21 with the county concerning, for example, upgrades to</p> <p>22 the underground storage tanks?</p> <p>23 A. If at this time they needed to be done, yes.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay. And what about inventory? Did you</p> <p>25 communicate with the county regarding the inventory in</p> | <p>1 expiration is 1998.</p> <p>2 A. '98.</p> <p>3 Q. When did you actually operate the station</p> <p>4 until?</p> <p>5 I didn't ask that very well. How long did you</p> <p>6 own the station?</p> <p>7 A. I don't remember. We didn't own it very long.</p> <p>8 We sold it to Narinder.</p> <p>9 Q. Do you know if he still owned it at the</p> <p>10 expiration in 1998?</p> <p>11 A. No, I don't.</p> <p>12 Q. Let's see if this will help us out here.</p> <p>13 Sometimes the documents end up telling the story.</p> <p>14 A. Well, they are so far.</p> <p>15 Q. They are. I appreciate that you recognize a</p> <p>16 few in here.</p> <p>17 So number 8 this is the underground storage</p> <p>18 permit application again, a different form. And this</p> <p>19 time it is listing property owner as Kupral and</p> <p>20 Narinder Singh. Does this help refresh your</p> <p>21 recollection that you resolved these things by May of</p> <p>22 1998?</p> <p>23 (Exhibit 8 was marked and attached.)</p> <p>24 A. That sounds correct. This looks correct.</p> <p>25 Q. Flying right through here. Let's see.</p> |

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| <p>1 affect your ability to recollect events and give 2 testimony here today? 3 A. Well, I am diabetic and I am taking insulin 4 right now. My medication. But there's no effect by it. 5 Q. Okay. And we can take breaks whenever your -- 6 whenever you need to. We will try and get you done by 7 noon today. 8 A. Mm-hmm. 9 Q. We have another witness coming in later. So if 10 you do need a break, just let us know and we will be 11 happy to take breaks. Or if we need to change the 12 video, then we will be taking a break for that. 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. Do you have any questions about the deposition 15 process? 16 A. Well, you know, what is this about? I don't 17 know nothing, you know. 18 Q. Well, you are not being sued. The City of 19 Fresno is conducting an investigation involving various 20 gas station sites in the city. 21 A. Oh. 22 Q. So I am going to be asking you questions about 23 the station operations and showing you a number of 24 documents -- 25 A. Absolutely.</p> | <p>1 page, I think you will see your subpoena there that -- 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. -- that you had brought in with you today as 4 well. 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. I am going to ask you to turn about two more 7 pages to a page titled Attachment. There you go. And 8 did you have a chance to look at the list of station 9 addresses under No. 1? 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. And did you find any stations that you had 12 worked at or otherwise been affiliated with? 13 A. The only one on 4594 East Tulare. 14 Q. Okay. And you are pointing to that address 15 part of the way down at 4594 East Tulare? 16 A. Yeah. 17 Q. So that's the only -- 18 A. Yeah. 19 Q. -- address -- 20 A. That I am affiliated with. 21 Q. -- that you are affiliated with out of that 22 entire list? 23 A. Yes, sir. 24 Q. And did you have a chance to look at the 25 documents that are requested in this list, starting at</p> |
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| <p>1 Q. -- related to the station. 2 A. Yes. 3 MR. EICKMEYER: We'll start out with Exhibit 1, 4 I have marked as your amended deposition notice. 5 (Deposition Exhibit 1 marked for 6 identification) 7 MR. EICKMEYER: Q. And what I will do is for 8 most of the documents, except this one, they have a 9 number, they call it a Bates number that's been stamped 10 at the bottom. So when we go to a new document, I will 11 identify it for the record before we talk to you about 12 it. 13 As I mentioned for Exhibit 1 here, this is just 14 the amended notice of deposition. 15 A. Mm-hmm. 16 Q. And you brought in with you today, you had 17 shown us before we went on the record a copy of your 18 deposition subpoena. 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. All right. And is this the only document you 21 brought with you today -- 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. -- was your subpoena? 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. If you take Exhibit 1, and just turn the cover</p> | <p>1 No. 1 and going on to No. 35? 2 Did you have a chance to look over that list to 3 see if you had any documents that were requested? 4 A. Yes, I did look at that. 5 Q. And did you find that you had any documents 6 that are included in this list 1 through 35? 7 A. No, I haven't. 8 Q. You don't have any currently? 9 A. No, sir. 10 Q. Let me talk for just a bit about your history 11 before we dive into the documents. Beside this station 12 at 4594 East Tulare, have you ever worked at any other 13 gas stations? 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. Can you tell us which was first in order? 16 A. It's 10610 East Mountainview, Selma, 17 California. 18 Q. What years did you work at that station? 19 A. From 1991 until the current. 20 Q. What was the name of that station when you 21 started working there? 22 A. That was actually under El Monte Gas. 23 Q. I am sorry. That was -- 24 A. El Monte Gas. 25 Q. El Monte, okay.</p> |

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| <p>1 A. El Monte Gas.</p> <p>2 Q. Has that name changed over the years?</p> <p>3 A. It was ARCO gas station, it was under El Monte</p> <p>4 Gas. And then in '99 after we put in new tanks and all</p> <p>5 that, we opened back up -- it was closed down for two</p> <p>6 years, then we opened back up in 2000 as Exxon.</p> <p>7 Q. Is it an Exxon station at the current time?</p> <p>8 A. Right now? No.</p> <p>9 Q. What did it change to after Exxon?</p> <p>10 A. Valero.</p> <p>11 Q. Approximately when did that change?</p> <p>12 A. In August -- August last year.</p> <p>13 Q. Is it currently a Valero station?</p> <p>14 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>15 Q. Are you the owner of that station?</p> <p>16 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. Beside that station in Selma and the one</p> <p>18 at 4594 East Tulare, have you been affiliated with any</p> <p>19 other stations?</p> <p>20 A. No, sir.</p> <p>21 Q. Can you describe for us any school or education</p> <p>22 you have had after high school?</p> <p>23 A. Well, I was in India, you know, I went to</p> <p>24 school in India. And I didn't finish any college. I</p> <p>25 went to college, but I never finished.</p> | <p>1 A. Convenience store.</p> <p>2 Q. When you say the gas was owned by El Monte, are</p> <p>3 you referring to the underground storage tanks?</p> <p>4 A. Yeah, the gasoline, you know, gasoline part was</p> <p>5 on commission and they owned that part.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. So just to clarify, when you say the</p> <p>7 gasoline part, that would be underground storage</p> <p>8 tanks --</p> <p>9 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>10 Q. -- piping --</p> <p>11 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>12 Q. Just a second. Just a second. You are</p> <p>13 anticipating where I am going. Just so we are --</p> <p>14 A. Yes, sir. Yes, sir. Yes, sir.</p> <p>15 Q. -- not talking at the same time.</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. So when you say the gasoline part, that would</p> <p>18 be the underground storage tanks, the piping, and the</p> <p>19 gas dispensers?</p> <p>20 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>21 Q. Did you ever learn when Mr. Doyle bought the</p> <p>22 station from Beacon?</p> <p>23 A. In 1994. Same time I leased.</p> <p>24 Q. Do you know who owned the land or the property</p> <p>25 in 1994?</p> |
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| <p>1 Q. Did you have any particular course of study in</p> <p>2 college?</p> <p>3 A. No.</p> <p>4 Q. How about after you came to the United States,</p> <p>5 did you have any college?</p> <p>6 A. No, sir.</p> <p>7 Q. So if we talk about "the station" for</p> <p>8 shorthand, can we agree --</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. -- that we are talking about 4594 East Tulare</p> <p>11 here in Fresno?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. If I ever ask something about the Selma one,</p> <p>14 I'll -- I will try -- I will specify that so we are</p> <p>15 clear, but otherwise I will be asking you about the</p> <p>16 Fresno station.</p> <p>17 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>18 Q. Can you tell us what year you first became</p> <p>19 affiliated with the Fresno station?</p> <p>20 A. 1994. We leased that station and we own</p> <p>21 inside, and the gas was owned by El Monte Gas. El Monte</p> <p>22 Gas, Mr. Don Doyle bought that station from, I believe,</p> <p>23 Beacon Oil Company.</p> <p>24 Q. When you say, "We owned the inside," are you --</p> <p>25 are you meaning that you owned the building?</p> | <p>1 A. Don Doyle bought the land and the property at</p> <p>2 that time.</p> <p>3 Q. Before he bought the station in 1994, do you</p> <p>4 know what the station was branded?</p> <p>5 A. ARCO.</p> <p>6 Q. And at the time you started leasing the</p> <p>7 station, what was it branded?</p> <p>8 A. ARCO.</p> <p>9 Q. When you say, "We leased the station," was that</p> <p>10 you and your wife initially?</p> <p>11 A. Me and my wife, and I have partners, Kirpal</p> <p>12 Singh Sandhu. I am actually a silent partner. He run</p> <p>13 that station.</p> <p>14 Q. I am sorry. You said he was the silent</p> <p>15 partner?</p> <p>16 A. I am the silent partner.</p> <p>17 Q. Oh, you are the silent partner?</p> <p>18 A. Yeah.</p> <p>19 Q. So from the station initially being branded</p> <p>20 ARCO, did it later have another brand?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. What was after ARCO?</p> <p>23 A. After ARCO we went independent.</p> <p>24 Q. What year did that occur?</p> <p>25 A. That was in '99. We bought the property in '99</p> |

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| <p>1 MS. KLEAVER: Objection; calls for speculation, 2 lacks foundation. 3 MR. EICKMEYER: Q. Now -- when she's done 4 talking now, you can answer. 5 A. Oh, okay. 6 Q. So, I am sorry, what was your answer? 7 A. Yes. What your question was again? 8 MR. EICKMEYER: Well, if we can get a 9 read-back. 10 (Record read) 11 THE WITNESS: Yes. 12 MR. EICKMEYER: Q. After the Circle 6 name on 13 the station, has it had another name? 14 A. No. 15 Q. So it's still Circle 6 at the present day? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Is it still Exxon brand gas being sold there to 18 the present day? 19 A. No, sir. 20 Q. When did that change? 21 A. That change in 2006. 22 Q. And what brand did that change to? 23 A. Valero. 24 Q. Is it still Valero gas being sold there to the 25 present day?</p> | <p>1 just to make it faster. But if you ever want to stop 2 and read anything, we will be happy to take the time to 3 do that. 4 Where it says Business Owner about halfway 5 down, it looks like it says Narinder Singh, and is it 6 pronounced Kanta Singh? 7 A. Yes, that's my wife. 8 Q. And that's for the record, K-a-n-t-a? 9 A. Mm-hmm. 10 Q. I'm sorry. Can you say yes? 11 A. Yes, sir. 12 Q. You said -- I think you said "mm-hmm," so I am 13 just trying to clarify. 14 A. I'm sorry. 15 Q. So it is indicated here, do you recognize where 16 it says Owner, it looks like Kanta Singh is the 17 signature. Do you recognize that as your wife's 18 signature? 19 A. Yes, sir. 20 Q. Across from her signature, it looks like the 21 date is 5/25/95. 22 A. Yes, sir. 23 Q. Do you recognize -- I think you described it 24 was about 1994 when you had first leased the station? 25 A. Yes, sir.</p> |
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| <p>1 A. Yes, sir. 2 Q. When the switch was made that you described to 3 Exxon brand in about 2002 or '3, who were the jobbers 4 delivering that Exxon gas? 5 A. It was Julien Oil Company. 6 Q. Was that the only one? 7 A. That was the only one. Yes, sir. 8 Q. After the change was made to Valero in about 9 2006, what jobbers were delivering gas to the station? 10 A. Still Julien Oil Company. 11 Q. Is that true to the present day? 12 A. Yes, sir. 13 Q. And it has only been Julien Oil during the 14 Valero years? 15 A. Yes, sir. 16 (Deposition Exhibit 2 marked for 17 identification) 18 MR. EICKMEYER: I will hand you what I have 19 marked as Exhibit 2. This is Fresno County Health 20 Services Agency, Bates FCDEH-FRESNO-020619. 21 Q. Do you recognize this page as having seen it 22 before? 23 A. This page, yeah. 24 Q. On the -- I will point -- on many of the 25 documents I will try and point you to a particular place</p> | <p>1 Q. It looks like it says Date of Business 2 Commencement here, 6/1/95. 3 A. Maybe it is '95. Maybe I am -- you know, make 4 mistake on that. 5 Q. Well, that's why I say, some of the 6 documents -- 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. -- might help -- 9 A. Yes, sir. 10 Q. -- refresh your memory. 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. At the time that you took over the station, was 13 there any change made of the underground storage tanks 14 at that point? 15 A. No, sir. 16 Q. Did you ever have any information when the 17 tanks that were there when you took over had originally 18 been installed? 19 A. No, sir. 20 (Deposition Exhibit 3 marked for 21 identification) 22 MR. EICKMEYER: I will show you what I have 23 marked as Exhibit 3. This is a Fresno County Health 24 Services Agency Environmental Health Application, Bates 25 FCDEH-FRESNO-020618.</p> |

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In re Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether
("MTBE") Products Liability Litigation

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al.*, No. 04 Civ. 4973

VALERO DEFENDANTS'
OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES
TO PLAINTIFF CITY OF
FRESNO'S FIRST SET OF
INTERROGATORIES TO
DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 33 and Local Rule 26.3, Ultramar Inc., Valero Marketing and Supply Company, and Valero Refining Company—California (collectively "Valero Defendants") answer and object to Plaintiff City of Fresno's ("Plaintiff" or "City of Fresno") First Set of Interrogatories served on September 2, 2008 as follows.

Dated: November 5, 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Clifford Gunter III".

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Valero Defendants refer Plaintiff to their responses to Interrogatory Nos. 1 and 3 for information responsive to this request.

INTERROGATORY NO. 3:

IDENTIFY the address of all gasoline stations that YOU lease or have leased within the RELEVANT GEOGRAPHIC AREA since 1979.

- a. State the lease dates for each station YOU identified.

RESPONSE:

Valero Defendants object to this Interrogatory on the grounds that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. This Interrogatory is specifically overbroad both with respect to time, as explained in General Objections Nos. 6 and 7, and to the extent it calls for the identification of all gasoline stations owned by Valero Defendants in the RGA without regard to whether any of those stations is in the vicinity of any drinking water production well or whether any of those stations has ever been identified as the source of a release of gasoline containing MTBE. Subject to, and without waiving, the foregoing objections and the General Objections and Limitations set forth above, Valero Defendants answer as follows:

1. #3481: 6390 N. Blackstone, Fresno, CA 93710 (04/11/66—present)
2. #3615: 1625 N. Chestnut Ave., Fresno CA 93703 (07/24/98—present)
3. #3616: 4001 N. Marks Ave., Fresno, CA 93722 (01/22/85—present)
4. #3659: 4514 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93722 (08/05/88—present)
5. #3519: 4591 E. Belmont, Fresno, CA 93702 (03/01/71—10/20/99)

In addition to the foregoing, Ultramar PLC acquired some retail stations leases when it purchased Beacon Oil Company through a stock purchase transaction in November, 1981.¹ To the best of Valero Defendants' current knowledge, most, if not all, of the acquired stations were leased and then sub-leased to third parties who actually operated the station in question. However, given the dates of the transactions at issue, the documentation necessary to confirm Valero Defendants' precise relationship with these stations as well as the dates of the leases is no longer available. Approximate dates have been provided where known.

Several of these leaseholds were terminated prior to 1995 when Ultramar Inc. merged with Diamond Shamrock Corporation. Most, if not all, of the leaseholds were terminated prior to the December 31, 2001 merger of Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corporation with and into Valero Energy Corporation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following is the list of all such stations located within the RGA which may have been leased during the relevant time frame:

1. Beacon #77: B Street, Fresno CA (1935—Lease Termination Date Unknown)

¹ Beacon Oil Company changed its name to Ultramar Inc., effective September 18, 1989.

2. Beacon #78: Belmont at 12th Street, Fresno CA (1935—Closure Date Unknown)
3. Beacon #80: Tulare & Chestnut, Fresno CA (Dates of Leasehold Unknown)
4. Beacon #496: 4809 E. Kings Canyon, Fresno CA (Dates of Leasehold Unknown)
5. Beacon #595: 3768 S. Highway 99, Fresno CA (09/01/83—03/27/96)
6. Beacon #620: 4594 E. Tulare, Fresno CA (01/22/85—08/28/95)
7. Beacon #658: 1334 N. First St., Fresno CA (Lease terminated 11/01/96)
8. Beacon #257: 9th & McKenzie, Fresno CA (Site leased 10/46. Lease Termination Date Unknown)
9. Beacon #432: 2950 E. Ventura, Fresno CA (Dates of Leasehold Unknown)
10. Beacon #433: 1372 N. First St., Fresno CA (Dates of Leasehold Unknown)
11. Beacon #437: 4652 Belmont, Fresno CA (Dates of Leasehold Unknown)
12. Beacon #438: 4005 E. Jensen, Fresno CA (Dates of Leasehold Unknown)
13. Beacon #460: 603 G. Street, Fresno CA (04/28/75—04/30/90)
14. Beacon #472: 2295 S. Elm Ave., Fresno CA (Dates of Leasehold Unknown)
15. Beacon #516: 2430 E. Olive St., Fresno CA (07/15/85—10/31/91)
16. Beacon #538: 2139 S. Elm, Fresno CA (Lease terminated 11/01/91)
17. Beacon #579: 5190 E. Olive, Fresno CA (Lease terminated 11/01/91)
18. Beacon #619: 3076 E. Gettysburg, Fresno CA (01/22/85—08/03/89)
19. Beacon #9-1: 6900 N. Motel Dr., Fresno CA (Dates of Leasehold Unknown)

INTERROGATORY NO. 4:

IDENTIFY the address of all gasoline stations with which YOU have or have had a retail supply contract within the RELEVANT GEOGRAPHIC AREA since 1979.

- a. State the retail supply contract dates for each station YOU identified.

RESPONSE:

Valero Defendants object to this Interrogatory on the grounds that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. This Interrogatory is specifically overbroad both with respect to time, as explained in General Objections Nos. 6 and 7, and to the extent it calls for the identification of all gasoline stations owned by Valero Defendants in the RGA without regard to whether any of those stations is in the vicinity of any drinking water production well or whether any of those stations has ever been identified as the source of a release of gasoline containing MTBE. Valero Defendants further object to the extent this Interrogatory seeks information outside of Valero Defendants' possession, custody and control. Valero Defendants are not in possession of information pertaining to the operation, maintenance or environmental remediation which may be associated with any of the following stations. Notwithstanding the foregoing or the General Objections set forth above, Valero Defendants respond as follows:

1. #2339: 1919 W. Clinton Ave., Fresno, CA 93705 (06/13/03—present)
2. #2365: 603 G. Street, Fresno, CA 93722 (05/01/93—present)
3. #2516: 2837 N. Parkway Drive, Fresno, CA 93722 (07/18/03—present)